

**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 1/23/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jonathan M. Harris on February 6, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

**a. In the claims:**

**Claim 1** (Twice amended) A system, comprising:

a main stack;

a micro-stack coupled to the main stack;

a data flag coupled to the micro-stack;

a stack pointer;

wherein the micro-stack resides in [the core of a processor] a processor's core and the main stack resides outside of the [core of the processor] processor's core;

wherein the stack pointer indicates the top of the main stack; wherein the data flag indicates valid data in the micro-stack; and

wherein, when data is pushed on to, or popped from, the micro-stack, the stack pointer is adjusted to indicate a new top of the main stack even though data associated with the new top of the main stack resides in the micro-stack and has not been copied to the top of the main stack.

**Claim 11** (Twice amended) A method of managing a stack-based system, comprising:

loading data on a micro-stack and a main stack, wherein the micro-stack resides in [the core of a processor] a processor's core, and the main stack resides outside of the [core of a processor] processor's core, wherein a stack pointer points to the top of the main stack;

associating a data flag with each data loaded in the micro-stack;

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determining the status of the data in the micro-stack; [and]

providing data to a compute engine from either the main stack or the micro-stack depending on the status of the data in the micro-stack; and

adjusting the stack pointer to the top of the main stack when contents of the micro-stack change even though the same micro-stack content changes are not performed in the main stack.

**b. In the Specification:**

Replace pages 1-3 of the specification with the following attached page 1-3.